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'Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.'
1 John 3:18

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Dear Parents & Carers,

On Monday 8th March, we welcomed our pupils back to school and have been delighted with their attitudes towards each other and their learning. Friendships are so important and it was fantastic to see the smiles and see the enjoyment as the children played together. Showing that 'We Care' is at the centre of all that we do and is evident in our approach to school life. Whilst we are keen to support the children's social, emotional and mental health, we are also committed to support the children in Catching Up with learning and identify gaps that need to be addressed in order to move on to the next step of learning. This journey has already begun and will continue in a steady, progressive way.

Children are working hard to demonstrate positive behaviours and are showing that they are READY to learn, RESPECTFUL of everyone and SAFE in their behaviour choices. Many children have been awarded a token for their house which is placed in the House Token Box. During Celebration Assembly on Friday, children find out who is the house with the most tokens and their colours are displayed on our new house cup. Each term, the house that has the most tokens is given a day when they can come to school in non-school uniform. We would like to emphasise a sense of belonging and competition through our houses and when COVID restrictions have been lifted, we will run inter house sports competitions.



COVID UPDATES

Thank you for your support in wearing masks near and on site and adhering to the 'drop and go' system. We want to keep all of our children in school, if safe to do so, and urge you to continue being COVID vigilant. Should we need to close a bubble, we will revert to remote learning for the individual class until the self- isolation period is over.

Class Inkpen - Reception Class

Welcome back to our lovely Reception class – we have missed you and are very happy to have you all back in school. This week we have been:

- Reminding ourselves of our class expectations
- Socialising with each other by playing playground games such as 'Stuck in the Mud'
- Carrying out Phonic assessments
- Reading
- Learning how fossils are formed and making our own salt dough fossils
- Learning how to double numbers
- Classifying dinosaurs according to what they ate
- Creating our own Art attack style aerial view collages of dinosaurs

We will continue learning about Dinosaurs this term. The children have enjoyed exploring and playing in our archaeological dig role-play, as well as our outdoor mud kitchen!

"I'm making coffee. I need to put this on to boil the water!"
Olivia in our mud kitchen.

"Him hanging on a tree and he's sucking up his ice-cream!"
Isaac explaining what is happening in the book that he is reading.

"The carnivores eat meat and the herbivores eat the plants. Omnivores eat both meat and plants!"
Enya explaining what each word means in our Venn diagram.



Class Donaldson -Class 1

We have had a wonderful first week back! The children have settled in as if they have never been away. They have thrown themselves into their learning and we are very impressed with how enthusiastic and eager they all are. Thank you for teaching your children to be so resilient and to have such a positive view of learning.

This week, we have been learning about spring. The children have noticed lots of signs of spring. I wonder if they can show you what they are.

In our PE sessions with Mrs Nash, we are learning some new playground games. In PSHE, we are learning about forgiveness and learning how to process negative emotions, disappointment and hurt with Mrs Edge. Ask us what 'Don't Rub it in, Rub it Out' means.

Next week, we will start our learning about the meaning of Easter.

Well done, Year 1! You are all amazing!



Class Ahlberg -Class 2

Welcome back everyone! It has been a complete delight to have Ahlberg Class back together again and we are starting to motor ahead with our learning in school once more.

This week in Geography we have been travelling around the world visiting different continents – we have visited North America and Asia this week, navigating the high seas with our maps and compass to get there. We may have got a little wet on the way too – the Atlantic and the Indian oceans did get rather rough at points!

We are also reading a wonderful book called 'Traction Man' and following his exciting adventures around the house and garden. We have learned lots of brilliant new vocabulary, which we plan to use in our writing soon.

In DT we are investigating puppets. We had great fun making finger puppets this week – we will start attaching fabrics through different methods – including sewing – next week.



We got really wet on the way to Asia!
Pippa

I liked looking at the puppets and finding out what they were made from.
Ayla

Traction Man is cool! He fights the evil pillows and the poisonous dishcloth.
Ben

Class Jamila -Class 3

Year 3 have settled back into school life beautifully. They were clearly delighted to catch up with their classmates and staff in school. The Year 3 team are delighted to see the enthusiasm for their learning that class Jamila have returned to school with. We have started our time back by revisiting some of our skills in maths and our rules in writing. We are also reminding ourselves of our high standard of presentation across all subjects.

In Reading Detectives the children had fun making their own 'spy glass' to spot features of the beautifully written and illustrated text "The Tear Thief" by Carol-Ann Duffy, which they are clearly enchanted by. This week we have also been designing Ancient Egyptian pulleys and we are looking forward to learning more about the Ancient Egyptians and their way of life.





I have really loved seeing all my friends again and making my spy glass.

Merin

I love "The Tear Thief" and using describing words to describe her running through the town."

Harriet.

"I like that we got to design our own Ancient Egyptian pulley in DT."

Clayton

Class Morpurgo – Class 4

What a great return to school!

Year 4 have had a wonderful first week back in school. Obviously, they have been very pleased to see each other and have been engaging in the return to in school learning. It has been noticeable that many children are showing signs of tiredness, but that is to be expected and I am sure will improve.

This week in year 4 we have started our Science topic of 'Electricity'. We have enjoyed using the electrical equipment in school to create circuits and think about what happens when a circuit is broken.

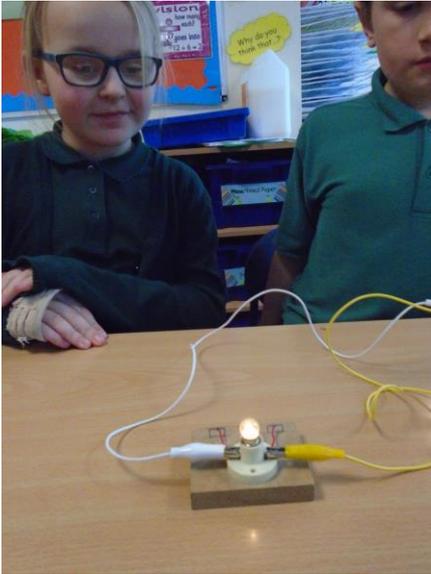


I think that it's easy to do work at school than at home. It's also nice to see all my friends and getting back into a routine again.

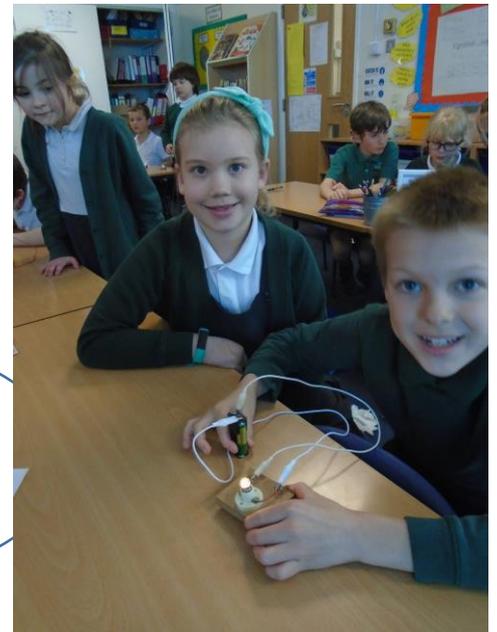
Bella

Being back at school is fun because you get to see all your friends again and because you don't have all the faff with doing work at home.

Georgia



At school it feels so much better to play and see my friends.
Chloe



Class Rowling - Class 5

After a number of weeks with learning at home, we are now back in the classroom. On Monday morning, the children were very excited to see one another and it has been a 'lively' week.

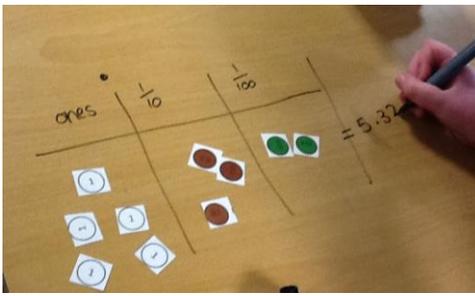
We have almost achieved getting back into the routine of maths and English, with the extras of five daily questions, spellings and text detectives as well. In English, our focus is biographies, through which we have looked at Usain Bolt, J K Rowling and we have enjoyed the start of Roald Dahl's 'Boy'. Following all the fraction work during lockdown, we are now developing this further, linking it to decimals. On top of all that, we have picked up with our other subjects. In science, we watched a live lambing session, which was very interesting. We used our geography skills to develop our history knowledge, locating where the Mayans settled and built their beautiful architecture that we had looked at in images during our home learning. Our art topic, Pop Art, has encouraged us to be creative with our Mother's Day cards; we hope you like the creations.

I have really enjoyed being back with all my friends.
Lilly K

Decimals has been interesting and seeing how it all links with fractions.
Oscar

I am so pleased to be back learning in the classroom with all the other children.
Imogen



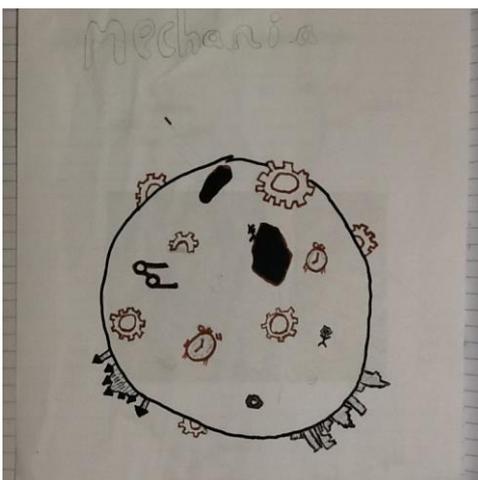


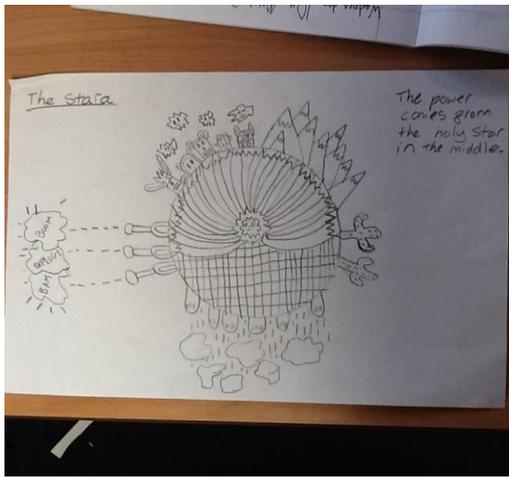
Class Horowitz -Class 6

What a busy start to the week. Year 6 have burst back through our classroom doors ready to learn, focus and most importantly, socialise. Break times and lunchtimes have been a real highlight for the children as they have had plenty of opportunity to catch up and play with their friends. It has been a pleasure to watch and be part of.

In class, the children enjoyed watching 'The Planets' short film and used this to inspire their own creations; these other worlds are going to be the basis for some amazing writing, developing descriptive and alternative language so that they can paint their worlds with careful and ambitious word selection.

We are so amazed with the way that everyone has adjusted back to the routine of the school day; there have been some rumbling tummies by lunchtime without snacking ALL morning now-including the adults!





I have enjoyed coming back to school because I can see my friends again and play at break and lunchtime.
Taj

Designing our planets was great fun as we had the freedom to do whatever we wanted – there were endless possibilities.
Tom

I have enjoyed coming back to school because I get to see my friends and teachers but I need to work on getting up in the morning!
Evie

On Sunday, we celebrate our very special mothers, stepmothers, Grandmas and amazing special females in our lives. We hope that you all have a relaxing Sunday, enjoy being looked after and display your card with pride.

Pupil of the Week			Our School Values – Respect & Reverence		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	12.3.21		12.3.21		
R	Lucas		Tobey		
1	George		Archie		
2	Joshua		Sadie		
3	Ryan		Grace		
4	Alfie		Logan		
5	Willow		Lily		
6	Alex		Oliver		
Best Attendance 3 & 4 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

With best wishes
Lianna Willis
Headteacher